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Resolution Opposing House Joint Resolution E of 2025 (HJR E)

WHEREAS HJR E is a state constitutional amendment that would remove authority to appoint and remove the state superintendent from the State Board of Education and give it to the Governor; and

WHEREAS the frequent changing of education policy by one four-year term Governor to the next, would lead to great confusion and frustration at the district, school and classroom level and harm to student learning; and

WHEREAS the architects of the last approved State Constitution recognized that too much power in one state executive, the Governor, is harmful and that devolving the authority of oversight of education to a separately elected State Board of Education was wise; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education's constitutional authority to exercise oversight of education in the state will be greatly hindered if it cannot appoint the State Superintendent;

WHEREAS it is almost certain that the desire of any first-term Governor to be re-elected would result in a focus on short-term, flashy education policies that may seem popular, but would be harmful to students' educational success; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Board of Education opposes HJR E and urges state legislators of both parties to oppose it.

Resolution passed on April 8, 2025, by a vote of 7 – 0.

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